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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN POSSIBLE TRIAL OF
AUTHOR AND PUBLISHERS.

1. CONGRESSMAN FRASER HAS WRITTEN DEPARTMENT TO EXPRESS
CONCERN ABOUT THE POSSIBLE TRIAL OF LEE YONG-HUI, (FORMER
CHOSUN ILBO JOURNALIST AND HANYANG UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR)
AND PUBLISHERS PAEK NAK-CHONG AND PAK KWAN-SUN. LEE
HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN IN CUSTODY SINCE NOVEMBER 24, 1977
FOR QUESTIONING IN CONNECTION WITH THE PUBLICATION OF
TWO OF HIS BOOKS: "IDOLATRY AND REASON", AND A "DIALOGUE
WITH 800 MILLION PEOPLE". OTHER TWO INDIVIDUALS
ALLEGEDLY ARE NOT IN CUSTODY, BUT FACE TRIAL WITH LEE
UNDER ANTI-COMMUNIST LAW SOMETIME BEFORE JUNE '78.

2. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER INFORMATION
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